

LOCAL LORE.

NEWS OF CORVALLIS AND VICINITY TOLD IN BRIEF.

The Comings and Goings of People. Social Gossip, Personal Mention and Other Items of Public Interest.

Mrs. Mary Avery left Thursday for a visit until Monday at Salem.

A new show window has been placed in the north side of the millinery store of Mrs. J. Mason.

Charles Heckert's new cottage in Job's Addition is now receiving the finishing touches, and is shortly to be occupied.

There will be services at the Catholic church tomorrow. Mass at 10:30 a. m. and evening service at 7:30 p. m.

Fifty-sixth anniversary of Modern Spiritualism on Sunday, March 27th. Services will be held in Barrett Lyceum at 3 p. m. A cordial invitation to all.

A pair of fine White Wyandotte chickens was received by Dr. Lester, the other day from the famous poultry yard of R. G. Dustin, at Marlborough, Massachusetts.

A complete system of repairs has been added to the residence property next door north of J. M. Cameron's on Eighth street, owned by Mrs. H. C. Miller. Mrs. Miller moved into the place Tuesday.

Additions to the Baber residence property, recently acquired by Adolph Peterson, add materially to its appearance and value. A new porch, an addition to the rear, a handsome window in the front and other new arrangements have done much for the place.

Mr. Schoel, late of the vicinity of Eugene, has purchased the residence property in Jobs Addition, recently occupied by Mrs. H. C. Miller and family. With his family, Mr. Schoel moved into the house Wednesday. A new barn and woodshed are improvements that he has made to the place.

A bugge that started for Philomath from the Vldto stables Wednesday failed to get outside the city limits. In the sea of mud in the vicinity of the carriage factory it sank so deep in a hole that a single tree gave way when attempt was made to pull the vehicle out. That let the tongue down and the team attempted to run. Clate Miller was driver and he held the horses, though the tongue was broken in the process.

A big force of workmen resumed operations Thursday in the further dismantling of the carriage factory building, and its removal to Albany. The roof has engaged attention, and huge sections of it, one after another were torn off and sent down a chute to the southeast of the structure. The east portion of the building still remains intact, and according to the accounts is to continue.

It has been decided to enter a field and track team in the indoor meet which takes place in the gymnasium of Columbia University at Portland, April 16th. The meet is given by Columbia University, and medals aggregating about \$200 in value are offered as prizes. The schedule includes nearly all the events incident to an outdoor meet, save the long hurdles, the hammer throw and the 100 yard dash, the track being too short for the latter contests. The OAC team will be selected early in April, and will comprise about 10 men.

The sudden disappearance of Mr. Langley worried his family Tuesday. He went off in the morning, and at night had not returned. A search was instituted, in which John Young and several ladies joined. Chief Lane was roused out and inquiries were made everywhere. The wider the search, the more disheartening was the mystery until the Dilley home was reached about 11 o'clock, where it was learned that The Fixer and Mr. Langley were out on the search for Creffield and incidentally anxious to pocket the reward. The detectives arrived about midnight to learn that they had been searched for, while "hounding Creffield by grab."

The scarcity of hens that are willing to set is proving more and more marked. Local poultrymen are buying everything of the kind they can lay their hands on and are still a long way short of a sufficiency of hens for hatching purposes. The point has been reached in which the once despised hen with a clock would command a premium at any poultry house. All sorts of indignities used to be heaped upon her, in the effort to cure her of the setting propensity. She was put in a coop and starved, she was aoused in tubs of water, and a red string was tied to her tail and sometimes to her feet and she was soundly thrashed. But she is a dream now the old setting hen is and poultrymen listen for her cluck as a starving man hearkens for the clang of the dinner gong. As a remedy for the shortage some of the breeders resort to artificial incubators and brooders but others love the good old fashioned method the best and in consequence generate chickens, scrub chickens, unregenerate chickens, a goose or even a shitepoke would be eagerly accepted if there was promise that they would set on and hatch eggs.

Regular meeting of the Coffee Club text Monday afternoon.

Opening at Miss Johnson's March 21st. Will have on display a fine of New York patterns. Call and see them.

Miss Eva Starr returned to Corvallis Tuesday after an extended visit in Portland with her sister, Mrs. Van Fleet.

J. M. Cameron, J. R. Smith and T. T. Vincent have been named by the probate court as appraisers in the estate of G. Hodas.

A. Blackburn leaves today for Lebanon where he has purchased the Peary drug store. Many Corvallis friends wish him success in his new enterprise.

Glen Gillette left Thursday for his chittim claim on the Yachats. He expects to remain there during the summer and his place in Zierroll's store has been taken by Kratz Cronise.

Wednesday Roy Taylor retired from the barbering business in Corvallis. He does not know just what he will engage in, but he says that he has permanently laid aside the razor.

Examinations for the end of the winter term were concluded at the college Thursday, and many students have gone home for a brief visit. Registration for the spring term begins Monday, and recitations, Tuesday.

Rev. S. M. Wood went to Buena Vista Thursday to preach the funeral sermon of Mrs. Joseph Miller, who died at that place March 23d. Mrs. Miller had been a resident of Oregon since 1871, and was nearly 87 years of age.

George P. Kady never comes to town from College Hill except on business. Thursday he was down to see a physician, for the purpose of having his finger dressed, a small portion of which had been taken off by a printing press.

Nancy L. Whitaker has filed her bond as administratrix of the estate of Jacob Whitaker. The amount is \$14,000 and T. D. Campbell and John Whitaker are sureties. The appraisers are William Newman, T. W. B. Smith and Casper Zierroll.

Mary's Peak Camp W. O. W. and the Circle held a union meeting Wednesday evening, a number of friends being present. An address by T. T. Vincent was an interesting feature of a fine literary and musical program. Refreshments were served at the usual hour.

The damaged cistern, in the street near Mrs. Martha Burnett's residence, has been repaired. A portion of the brick arch had been removed to give room for a wooden rail when the old street railway was built. In the meantime the rail had decayed, and had a number of the overlying boards. New planking has been put in and the cistern is now pronounced perfectly secure.

A considerable contingent of taxpayers is still yielding up tax money to the sheriff. Thirty people have paid since the time for getting the rebate expired. Of these, about one-half are paying their taxes in full, and the balance but one-half, expecting to pay the remainder next October. The date for taxes to become delinquent is April 4th. Taxes on which no payment has been made by that time will have ten per cent. penalty and 12 per cent interest added.

Oregon against the world! This egg was laid by a Webfoot hen in one day! The above is the inscription accompanying a large egg on display in F. L. Miller's show window. It weighs a good half pound and measures eight and one-quarter, by ten and three-quarter inches. Not many people believe that a hen laid the egg in one day, nor even in two days, and it was reported that it was an ostrich egg sent from Pasadena to be hatched here as an experiment. The truth is that it is a goose egg, and hence was laid by a "Webfoot" hen.

The programme of a Farmers Institute held by the college at Tangent Thursday was in part as follows: "Garden and Fruit Pests," Prof. A. B. Ordley; "Plant Food and Plant Growth," Prof. A. L. Knisely; "Use and Abuse of the Hand Separator," Prof. F. L. Kent; "Dairying on the Small Farm," by James Whycombe; "Farm Manures and Waste Materials," Prof. A. L. Knisely; "The Care of Milk and Cream," Prof. F. L. Kent; "Rural Schools," Prof. A. B. Ordley; "Breeds and Types of Stock" (illustrated with stereopticon) Dr. James Whycombe.

C. C. Chipman is to re-open the Commercial restaurant in the former location on Main street. The building is undergoing extensive repairs, among which is the addition of an attractive glass front. Mr. Chipman is to install an entirely new and up-to-date equipment for a first-class restaurant and the business, it is claimed, is to be conducted on a plan superior to anything heretofore attempted in Corvallis. It is certain that Mr. Chipman knows how to run a restaurant and what he undertakes in that line is likely to be a success financially and otherwise. The place will be opened about the first of April.

Notice to Creditors. In the Matter of the Estate of James Watkins, deceased.

Notice is hereby given to all persons concerned that the undersigned has been duly appointed administratrix of the estate of James Watkins, deceased, by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Benton County. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same, with the proper vouchers, duly verified as by law required, within six months from the date hereof, to the undersigned at her residence two miles south of Philomath, Oregon, or at the law office of E. E. Wilson, in Corvallis, Oregon. Maudie E. Watkins, Administratrix of the Estate of James Watkins, deceased. Dated this March 26, 1904.

MANY ARE DYING.

FATALITY AMONG GOATSON A FARM IN SOUTHERN BENTON.

Death at the Poor Farm—Windstorm Tore Trees up by the Roots at Summit—Benton News Told by Correspondents.

Bellfountain, March 23.—George Goodman is complaining of rheumatism.

Uncle Dock Starr is visiting friends in our burg.

Dogs are making nightly raids on goats belonging to George Hall. Snow is 12 inches deep at Coon's saw mill.

John Kiger expects to move to Corvallis the first of the month.

The social to be given by the Women of Woodcraft has been indefinitely postponed.

Mr Fawcett has taken a part of his cattle to John Kiger's, finding it more convenient to take the cattle to the feed than to take the feed to the cattle.

Will Rodgers loss of goats has been great reaching almost to a hundred head.

Parents meeting in connection with the Grange will be held in the Bellfountain grange hall April 9th.

Mrs Morris who has been in California for her health has returned and is visiting at the home of Frank Porter.

Homer Humphery has gone into Washington to look for a location as jeweler and optician.

M. Gragg is wiewding the birch over the pupils of Green Peak School while Mrs. E H Belknap is teaching in Belknap district.

Several horses have been sold here recently at a good round price.

At Bellfountain.

The weather has improved somewhat the last few days.

Mr. Fawcett made a business trip to Corvallis this week.

Friends of Mr. Barnard will be glad to learn that he is improving. Feed is scarce and stock looking bad although there has been small loss, so far.

Masquerade ball at Mr. Corbus' this week. A good time is expected.

Farmers are anxious for good weather as considerable seeding is yet to be done.

Grandpa Shipley died at the poor farm recently. He had been very feeble for some time.

Virgil Landingham, clerk for Buckingham & Co., started for North Yakima last Monday to visit his brother.

Ralph Pruett of Corvallis but formerly of Bellfountain, is again in the vicinity.

Mrs. H. T. Bristow is on the sick list.

The political pot is beginning to simmer. We see many smiling faces, and are greeted with hearty hand shakes.

Joe Stanturf was suddenly taken sick the first of the week. He was resting easy at last accounts.

Teachers and pupils of Bellfountain school are very busy preparing for their entertainment at the close of school.

Revival services this week at this place conducted by the United Brethren.

At Summit.

Last Saturday's wind tore several large trees up by the roots and shook houses at this place.

Con Gerhard is visiting his old friend T. Ranney this week and also in search of health in our mountains.

Ada Henkle of Philomath is visiting at Summit.

Clyde Fox is away on business and C. E. Albin of Philomath is station agent.

Guy McReynolds has disposed of his stock of goods and will soon leave for some valley point.

The social the 18th was quite a success for the small turnout. The baskets brought about \$10 and they also sold a quilt for \$4.40.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. King and children of Harris visited at the home of H. Harrison's over Sunday.

Father Springer is visiting at the Yantis home.

Laura Skaggs returned last week from Corvallis.

St. Petersburg, March 21.—A Russian fleet, commanding a battery on Electric Hill during a bombardment of Fort Arthur, has written the following vivid account:

"It was a clear, sunlit day and there was a gentle swell on the water. A little spot appeared through the haze on the far horizon and then another and another until these spots were increased to 15. Nearer and nearer they came, and larger and larger they appeared, until when six miles off there was a tiny puff of smoke and all in the battery wondered where the projectile was going to fall.

"Forty fathoms below the cliff where we were, lay the battle ship Peresviet. Bang! A shell burst under her bows, splashing the decks with spray. Another puff followed and a projectile whistled overhead, crashing on the rock behind us. Then a third. It was a moment of terrible suspense. There was a terrific explosion overhead. They had our range exactly.

"It was the signal for us to open fire, and 10 short batteries and 12 warships joined in the reply.

"What followed is almost indescribable. The sea underneath where we stood fairly boiled with the swish and plunge of projectiles, and words of command were inaudible to the gunners. I tried in vain to shout my orders while 150 guns belched in a prolonged roar and shells were bursting overhead with a hellish crash. The smoke and dust blinded us.

"I did not experience excitement, and only that my tooth began to ache there was a strange sensation of contentment amid the scenes of death which had no terrors after the first shell had exploded. Suddenly a white-faced gunner pointed to a battery of quick-firing guns half way down the hill, which had been placed there to prevent a Japanese landing. I ran down and found the scene one of the wildest. There was a battle orgy of bursting shells and whistling fragments, the smoke stench reeking the earth.

"One shell had burst among the gunners. A soldier was lying disembowled and another had his skull crushed. A third soldier was delirious, and there were splinters in his head. One gun had been broken like a reed.

"It was a dreadful sight, with blood everywhere." In concluding the officer says:

"After the battle was over Lieutenant-General Stoessel, commander of Port Arthur, pinned the cross of St. George on my breast. But what does it matter—I am in the hospital."

(The foregoing probably refers to the first bombardment of Port Arthur, as the narrative says the Russians had 12 ships in action.)

St. Helens, Or., March 23.—William Burdette, an employe of the Nehalem Logging Company, was killed while at work on the logging railroad of the company, at about four miles from Columbia City. He was tending brake without corks in his boots, and in some way slipped and fell under the car. He shouted "Stop her!" but it was impossible to do so in time to save his life. When taken from the track he was dead. Superintendent Chipman immediately sent a messenger from this place to notify the coroner of the accident, but as the coroner was in Portland, Justice Walker started this evening for the scene of the accident, though it is not thought any one is to blame for the sad affair. Burdette was a young man in the twenties, industrious and highly esteemed by his workmates. He is supposed to have relatives at Perry, Or., and the news of his death was telegraphed to that place.

Dr. Wells, the Albany V S will be at Fruit livestables every Friday of each week. Bring your horses and have them examined free of charge.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon

In the Matter of the Estate of Wm. F. Byer, Deceased. Citation. To Ella M. Hale, Wm. F. Byer, Nellie M. Porter, Rilla A. Abrams, and Grace H. Byer, heirs and devisees of Wm. F. Byer, deceased, Greeting:

In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby cited and required to appear in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Benton, at the Court room thereof at Corvallis, in the County of Benton, on Saturday, the 9th day of April, 1904, at 2 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, then and there to show cause if any exists, why an order of sale should not be made as prayed for in the petition of W. N. Alfred, administrator of said estate of Wm. F. Byer, deceased, of the following described real property to-wit:

Lots numbered 7, 8, and 9 in Block numbered 18 in the Addition to the City of North Brownsville, Linn County, Oregon; Lot numbered 21 in Block numbered 5 in Hyde Park, Washington County, Oregon; and Lot numbered 8 in Block numbered 10 in Riverside Addition to Albion, now within the City of Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon.

Witness, the Hon. Virgil E. Waters, Judge of the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Benton, with the seal of said Court affixed this 8th day of March, A. D. 1904. VICTOR P. MOSES, Clerk.

Lumber and Building Material. From now on we will keep in stock a Full Line of Building Lumber. We have arranged with the Curtis Lumber Co. to handle their lumber at Corvallis. We are now prepared to offer Special Prices on a large stock of material. Central Planing Mills & Box Factory.

HOME-SEEKERS! IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR SOME REAL good bargains in stock, grain, fruit and poultry Ranches, write for our special list, or come and see us. We shall take pleasure in giving you all the reliable information you wish, also showing you over the country. AMBLER & WATERS. Real Estate, Loan, and Insurance. Corvallis and Philomath, Or.

Pioneer Gun Store... Fine new stock of GUNS, SPORTING GOODS FISHING TACKLE, CUTLERY, Etc., Stock of G. Hodas at Big Bargain. H. E. HODES

E. E. WHITE REAL ESTATE CO. TO HOMESEEKERS. You have come from the land of ice and snow, and you don't know just where you want to go; You have not yet run short of cash and you want to invest so as not to squander. Perhaps you're a farmer—want someone to show Where the largest, and best crops unfailingly grow And tell and assure you exactly where You will surely be dealt with just and fair. Where they will not try to cheat and beat you, If you are earnestly trying to purchase a home Just call at the office of White & Stone. On Main street, Corvallis, they will be found Always ready and willing to show you around; If you would be used very nice and polite, You should make the acquaintance of E. E. White. We are certain to please with the farms to be shown By our gentlemanly solicitor H. M. Stone. They will tell you where the best prunes grow— They have been in the business and surely know, And where to grow fine grain, but if dairying you would try They can tell you just where a fine ranch to buy. They do your business,—deal in city lands And the renting of houses is in their hands. So when you come here, a stranger and alone, Just call at the office of White & Stone

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Notice of Final Settlement. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, administrator of the estate of Lina Neugass, deceased, with will annexed, has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Benton County his final account as the administrator of said estate and that Saturday the 9th day of April 1904, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m. has been fixed by said court as the time for hearing of objections to said report and the settlement thereof. M. JACOBS, Administrator of the Estate of Lina Neugass, deceased.

Notice to Bidders. Notice is hereby given, that the County Court of Benton County, State of Oregon will receive sealed bids for the construction of an artificial stone sidewalk along the north side of Court House Block, Corvallis, Oregon, as per plans and specifications on file in the County Clerk's office. All bids to be filed with the County Clerk, and to be opened by the court Wednesday, April 6th 1904 at 2 o'clock p. m. of the said day. The Court reserving the right to reject any and all bids. Dated this March 7th, 1904. Victor P. Moses, County Clerk.

Administrator's Sale of Real Property. In the matter of the estate of Jane Elizabeth Fisher, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that under and pursuant to an order of sale made by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Benton County, on the 11th day of March, 1904, the above entitled matter, the undersigned, as administrator, with the will annexed of said estate of Jane Elizabeth Fisher, deceased, will from and after Monday, the 18th day of April, 1904, proceed to sell, at private sale, to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, subject to confirmation by said Court, all of the following described real property to-wit: Beginning at a point 37 1/2 chains east of the southeast corner of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section 20, T. 11 S. R. 5 W. and run thence north 60 chains; thence east 2 1/2 chains; thence north 20 chains; thence east to the West line of the donation land claim of Philip Mulkey, Not. No. 58 in T. 11 S. R. 5 W.; thence south to a point 1.80 chains south of the northeast corner of the donation land claim of J. C. Roberts, Not. No. 946, same T. and R.; thence north 26 degrees 35 minutes west 10.62 chains to a point 1.77 chains west of said northeast corner of said Roberts' claim; thence west to the place of beginning. Also lot 10 in section 22, and lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 in section 27, T. 11 S. R. 5 W., except therefrom the following, beginning at a point 5 1/2 links east of the southwest corner of said lot 5 and run thence north 4.09 chains; thence south 75 degrees east 12.25 chains; thence south 24 degrees east 1.48 chains to point on south boundary line of said lot 5 (said point being 4.30 chains west from southeast corner of said lot 5) thence west on south boundary line of said lot 5 a distance of 10 1/2 chains; to the place of beginning, containing 2.32 acres more or less. Also a strip of land 30 feet wide running along the full length of the west side of a piece of land containing 17.83 acres described as follows: beginning at the N. E. corner of claim No. 30, T. 11 S. R. 5 W., run thence W. 15 chains; thence S. 9.91 chains; thence E. 15 chains; thence N. 9.91 chains to place of beginning. All the above being in Benton County, State of Oregon.

It being the intention to include in the above description all lands described in mortgage given by Jane E. Fisher and husband to the State Land Board, bearing date December 8, 1900.

Said sale is made for the purpose of paying claims against said estate and charges and expenses of administration, remaining unpaid. Dated this March 12, 1904. E. E. WILSON, Administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Jane Elizabeth Fisher, deceased.

Notice of Final Settlement. In the Matter of the Estate of John Mitchell, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned as executor of the last will and testament of John Mitchell, deceased, has filed her final account as such executrix, with the clerk of the county court of the state of Oregon, for Benton County, and the said court has fixed Saturday the 9th day of April, 1904, at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon as the time, and the county court room in the court house in Corvallis, Oregon as the place, for hearing any and all objections to said final account and for settlement thereof. Dated this March 12, 1904. MARY MITCHELL, Executrix of the last will and testament of John Mitchell, deceased.